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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 15499.172.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
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van Nimwegen)
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Serial No.: 10/052,164) Art Unit
) 3711
Conf No.: 3186)
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Filed: January 17, 2002)
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For: GROUND-ANCHORED BASE FOR A)
PORTABLE BASKETBALL GOAL ASSEMBLY)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

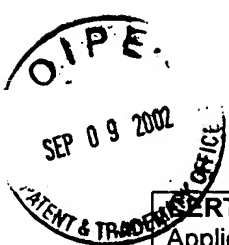
This application previously claimed the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/263,001, which was filed on January 19, 2001 and entitled Ground-anchored Base for a Portable Basketball Assembly.

This Preliminary Amendment hereby expressly disclaims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/263,001, which was filed on January 19, 2001 and entitled Ground-anchored Base for a Portable Basketball Assembly.

Please amend the application as follows:

- I. REPLACEMENT SECTIONS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121
- A. IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Applicant(s): van Nimwegen				15499.172.1	
Serial No. 10/052,164	Filing Date January 17, 2002	Confirmation No. 3186	Examiner Not Assigned	Group Art Unit 3711	
Invention: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS WITH MULTIPLE USER-DEFINED MARKETPLACES CONTROLLED PRICING AND AUTOMATED PURCHASING CAPABILITIES					
<p>I hereby certify that the following documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: The Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on September <u>9</u>, 2002:</p> <p>Amendment Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate) Preliminary Amendment (2 pages) Postcard</p> <p>RICHARD C. GILMORE</p> <p>_____ (Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)</p> <p><i>Richard C. Gilmore</i> _____ (Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)</p> <p>EV138533452US</p> <p>_____ ("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number)</p>					
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Invention: **GROUND-ANCHORED BASE FOR A PORTABLE BASKETBALL GOAL ASSEMBLY**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.


☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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